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[SENATE FILE No. 319.—JUDICIARY.

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX (26) OF THE ACTS OF THE FIFTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND SECTION 1433 OF THE CODE OF 1873, AND ENACT A SUBSTITUTE THEREFOR (RELATING TO SUPPORT OF THE INSANE).”

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That chapter twenty-six (26) of the acts of the Fifteenth General Assembly, and section 1433 of the Code of 1873, be and the same are hereby repealed and the following enacted as a substitute therefor, viz :

Sec. 1433. The provision herein made for the support of the insane at public charge shall not be construed to release the estates of such persons nor their relatives from liability for their support ; and the auditors of the several counties, subject to the direction of the board of supervisors, are authorized and empowered to collect from the property of such patients, or from any person legally bound for their support, any sums paid by the county in their behalf, as herein provided ; and the certificate from the superintendent, and the notice from the Auditor of State, stating the sums charged in such cases shall be presumptive evidence of the correctness of the sums so stated. If the board of supervisors, in the case of any insane patient who has been supported at the expense of the county, shall deem it a hardship to charge the estate of any such patient with such cost of supporting the patient, or shall deem it a hardship to compel the relatives of such patient to bear the burden of his support, they may relieve such estate, or such relative or relatives, from any part or all of such burden, as may seem to them reasonable and just.